



## EXHIBIT A

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

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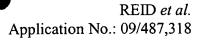
Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 19), for three months from March 18, 2003, to June 18, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$465.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the



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